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Homicide Investigation

The Birmingham Police Department is conducting a homicide investigation. The incident occurred on **Sunday, December 10, 2023**.

The victim has been identified as:

Quantez Banks, (32), B/M, of Center Point, Alabama.

At approximately 2:45 a.m., South Precinct officers were dispatched to a Person Shot call at Mel's Lounge, which is located at 3921 Richard Arrington Junior Boulevard North.

Officers arrived on the scene and then entered the lounge when they observed the victim lying unresponsive suffering from an apparent gunshot wound.

Birmingham Fire and Rescue personnel arrived on the scene and pronounced the victim deceased.

The preliminary investigation suggests the victim was involved in a verbal argument with an adult male. The adult male shot the victim then fled the scene.

Responding patrol officers took the suspect into custody near Mel's Lounge; officers transported the suspect to BPD Headquarters where BPD Homicide detectives interviewed him.

The suspect was booked into the Birmingham City Jail under a 48-Hour Felony Extension for **Murder**.

If there is anyone who has information pertaining to the case, please contact the B.P.D. Homicide Unit @ **205-254-1764** or Crime Stoppers @ **205-254-7777**.

Anonymous tips can also be submitted to Crime Stoppers through the Birmingham Police Department's Mobile App on Android or IOS devices. Updates will be provided as information becomes available.

This is Birmingham's **118th** murder investigation of 2023 with **8** justifiable death investigations). The Birmingham Police Department adheres to FBI Uniform Crime Reporting guidelines set for all law enforcement agencies across the United States. FBI Uniform Crime Reporting guidelines do not require law enforcement agencies to include justifiable death investigations in the total homicide investigations counts.

****The information is based on a preliminary and ongoing investigation, which continues to evolve as investigators interview witnesses, review physical and electronic records, and analyze forensic evidence. The Department's understanding of the facts and circumstances may change as additional evidence is collected and analyzed****

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